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Ref. AL (copy enclosed) on the enclosed PTO Form 1449 was opened to inspection, and thus published, on November 9, 2000. The reference thus was published less than a year before the filing date of this application. However, the enclosed Declaration of David Elliott Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 demonstrates that an antiperspirant product generally corresponding to Example 1 in this patent application was made prior to November, 2000. Example 1 is an embodiment of claims 1-13, 16-56, and 60 of the application. Claims 58 and 59 have been cancelled in the accompanying preliminary amendment. Applicants thus respectfully submit that Ref. AL qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) only with respect to claims 14, 15, and 57, although applicants reserve the right to establish that embodiments covered by these claims also were made prior to November, 2000.

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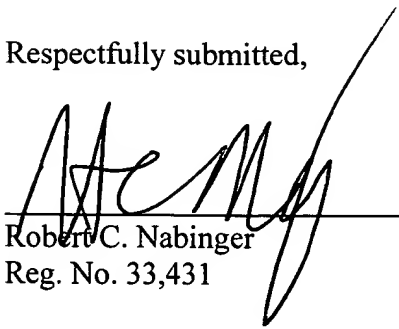
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